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ATTACHMENTS

Attached hereto is the Declaration of Michael K. Hartzer, Ph.D.

REMARKS

Applicant notes with appreciation the opportunity to discuss the application with the Examiner on March 26, 2003. This supplemental amendment is submitted in support of the amendment mailed March 19, 2003. By way of this supplemental amendment and the following remarks, it is submitted that pending claims 1-10, 13-21 and 24-28 are now in allowable form. Support for the amendments made herein to claims 1 and 14 are supported by the specification as originally filed. As such, it is submitted that no new matter has been added by way of this supplemental amendment.

Summary

Entry of this supplemental amendment prior to action on the merits of the amendment filed on March 19, 2003 is respectfully requested. With the entry of this supplemental amendment, claims 1-10, 13-21 and 24-28 remain pending in the application. Amendments have been made to independent claims 1 and 14 to afford clarity as to the number of units introduced and the volume in which the units of plasmin are delivered into the vitreous body of a subject human eye. The attached Declaration of Michael K. Hartzer is offered to establish that Trese et al. does not anticipate the pending claims since the active substance of Trese et al. is a streptokinase-plasmin complex and not plasmin itself as detailed in the pending claims. Further, Applicant notes that in the amendment mailed March 19, 2003 reference is often made to the present claims including plasmin composition delivered in a dose of less than 0.4 "international units". Applicant submits that according to the

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specification, a “unit” is defined at page 4, lines 17 – page 5, line 1 and that this definition of “unit” varies from an “international unit” to some extent.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are solicited. If the Examiner finds to the contrary, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned in charge of this application be called at the telephone number given below to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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